

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 as follows:

**Figure 1.** Construction of H44/76[pHBK30]. Two-step PCR mutagenesis leading to the hybrid *lpxA* gene, with *E.coli*-specific primers Epr1 (ACT-GACGCGTGTGATTGATAAATCCGC) SEQ ID NO:1 ~~seq. id. nr. 1~~ and Epr2 (GTAGGGCGGCACGTCCTGCGCCACACCGGA) ~~seq. id. nr. 2~~ SEQ ID NO:2 and *N.meningitidis*-specific primers Npr1 (TCCGGTGTGGCGCAGGACGTGCCGCCCTAC) ~~seq. id. nr. 3~~ SEQ ID NO:3 and Npr2 (CGGCCGCTCTAGAACTAGTGGATCA) ~~seq. id. nr. 4~~ SEQ ID NO:4.